DES MOINES RAPIDS IMPROVEMENT.

RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF ILLINOIS,

RELATIVE TO

The improvement of the Des Moines Rapids in the Mississippi river.

JANUARY 19, 1849.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas the navigation of the Mississippi river is greatly obstructed by the Des Moines rapids, and it is proposed to improve such navigation by making a canal upon and around said rapids on the Illinois side of said river, by the erection of certain walls, dams, locks, and other works in said river, which shall not obstruct the free navigation of the present channel of the river; for which purpose the consent of Congress is desired: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in General Assembly, That Congress be, and is hereby, requested to pass an act granting their consent that any dams, walls, locks, or other works, may be placed in the Mississippi river, on or near the Des Moines rapids, on the Illinois side thereof, for the purpose of improving the navigation thereof, or for hydraulic purposes, which shall not obstruct the free navigation of the present channel of said river; such improvement to be made by or under the direction of, or by the authority of the legislature of the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to use all proper exertions to secure the passage of an act to promote the ends in the foregoing preamble and resolutions comtemplated.

Resolved, That the governor be respectfully requested to transmit to our senators and representatives in Congress, at as early a day as practicable, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions.

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